I CAN'T EXACTLY REFUSE IF HE'S THE REGENT...
WH-
WH-WHAT ARE YOU DOING, LECT?
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WELL, I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT BE TIRED FROM THE WORK AT THE TEMPORARY HOSPITAL.
UGH... I'M NOT USED TO BEING TOUCHED LIKE THIS.
LECT...
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仕事柄
IT'S BECAUSE I REGULARLY HOLD A PEN.
D-DON'T TELL ME YOU HAVE SOME STRANGE FETISH FOR HANDS OR SOMETHING!
OH, YOUR MIDDLE FINGER IS A BIT HARD OVER HERE.
OTHER PEOPLE'S HANDS ARE RATHER DIFFERENT...
UH...
IT'S CERTAINLY TIRING, BUT...
UM... LECT... CAN YOU...
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I'M JUST INTERESTED BECAUSE YOU CAN LEARN A LOT ABOUT A PERSON FROM THEIR HANDS.
HM?
I HAVE A QUESTION.
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DO DRAGONS REALLY ACCELERATE THEIR BODY'S HEALING BY CIRCULATING THE MANA INSIDE THEM?

THAT'S RIGHT, THIS IS WHY A DRAGON'S INJURIES ARE TENDED TO BY ANOTHER DRAGON.
I USED MY HEALING POWER BY MATCHING IT AS CLOSELY AS I CAN TO THE FORM OF MERIELA'S MANA.
I'D LIKE TO TRY SOMETHING RELATED TO THAT.
THERE'S STILL PLENTY OF DIFFERENCES BETWEEN DRAGONS, BUT IT'S ULTIMATELY THE BEST OPTION.

THE KING'S SWORD
SHOULD BE ABLE TO BETTER MATCH THE PATIENT'S MANA AND TRANSFER IT.
IT'S STILL ONLY AN EXPERIMENT THOUGH.
COULD I TEST IT ON YOU?
IT SHOULD TECHNICALLY BE POSSIBLE, ずは
BUT IT'S PRETTY DANGEROUS...
HE'S USING THE KING'S SWORD AS A TOOL FOR HEALING?
WHAT AN INTERESTING MAN.
THIS MAY BE HIS WAY OF CARING FOR MERIELA...

REALLY?
YES.
IN THAT CASE...
VERY WELL, THIS COULD PROVIDE SOME NICE DATA ON HEALING DRAGONS!
WELL, IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE.
AL-RIGHT.
I'LL START OFF WITH A SMALL DOSE FOR THE SAKE OF SAFETY.

THEN I'LL STEP IT UP A BIT.
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HOW IS IT?
I FEEL SOME TINGLING, BUT IT'S FINE SO FAR.
HMM...

LECT,
WA-
OUTPATIENTS PLEASE COME THIS WAY.
SOLDIERS' WARD

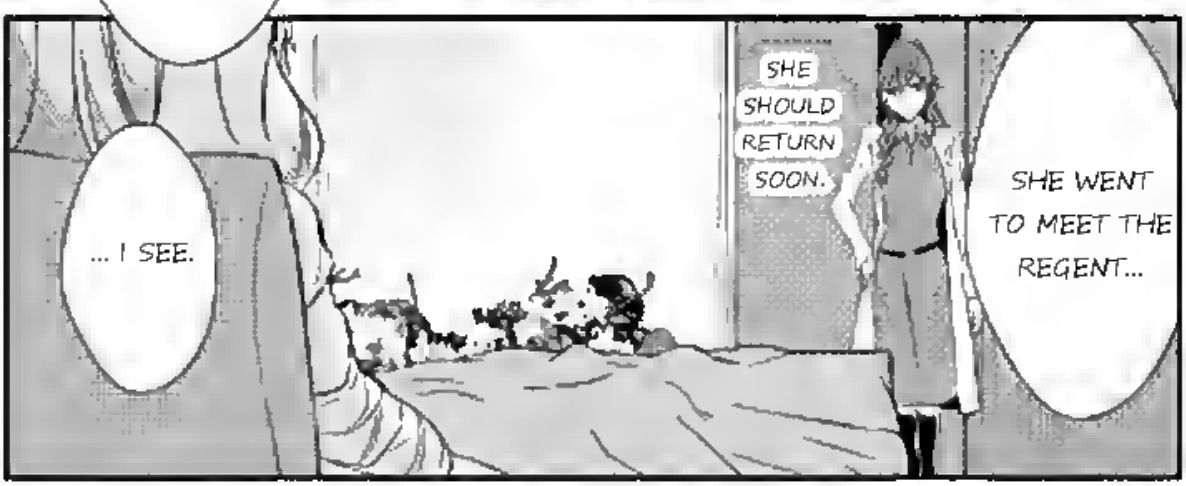
YOU'VE RECOVERED ENOUGH TO BE MOVED,
SO WE'LL TRANSFER YOU TO THE CAPITAL NEXT WEEK.
OKAY,
AND YOU.
SAME FOR YOU
DR. FARIEL,
SO IT'S BEST WE SEND THE SOLDIERS TO THE CAPITAL IF WE CAN.
AND THERE'S A LOT OF LOCALS COMING FOR TREATMENT AS WELL,
WE LACK PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT HERE,

IT'S GOTTEN RATHER CONGESTED...
COULD YOU ASSIST WITH TREATING THE OUTPATIENTS?
ALRIGHT, MY SISTER SHOULD BE BACK SOON AS WELL.
SOME FLOWERS HAVE ARRIVED FOR MADAM MERIELA AND MISS VILIA.
ALSO,
AND... I'LL HOLD ONTO VILIA'S FLOWERS FOR NOW.
I'LL BRING MERIELA HER FLOWERS LATER.
FROM HIS HIGH-NESS?

I HOPE SHE REGAINS CONSCIOUSNESS SOON...
NO VISITORS ALLOWED

...
VILIA WAS IN ANOTHER WARD AT THAT TIME.

AND MERIELA WAS BEING TREATED IN A DIFFERENT BUILDING.
HIS HIGHNESS SENT YOU THESE FLOWERS.
I'LL LEAVE THEM HERE.
THANK YOU. WHERE'S FERIEL?


SHE WENT TO MEET THE REGENT...
SHE SHOULD RETURN SOON.
... I SEE.

YES...
I HEARD YOU'VE BEEN REFUSING TO LET HIS HIGHNESS SEE YOU.
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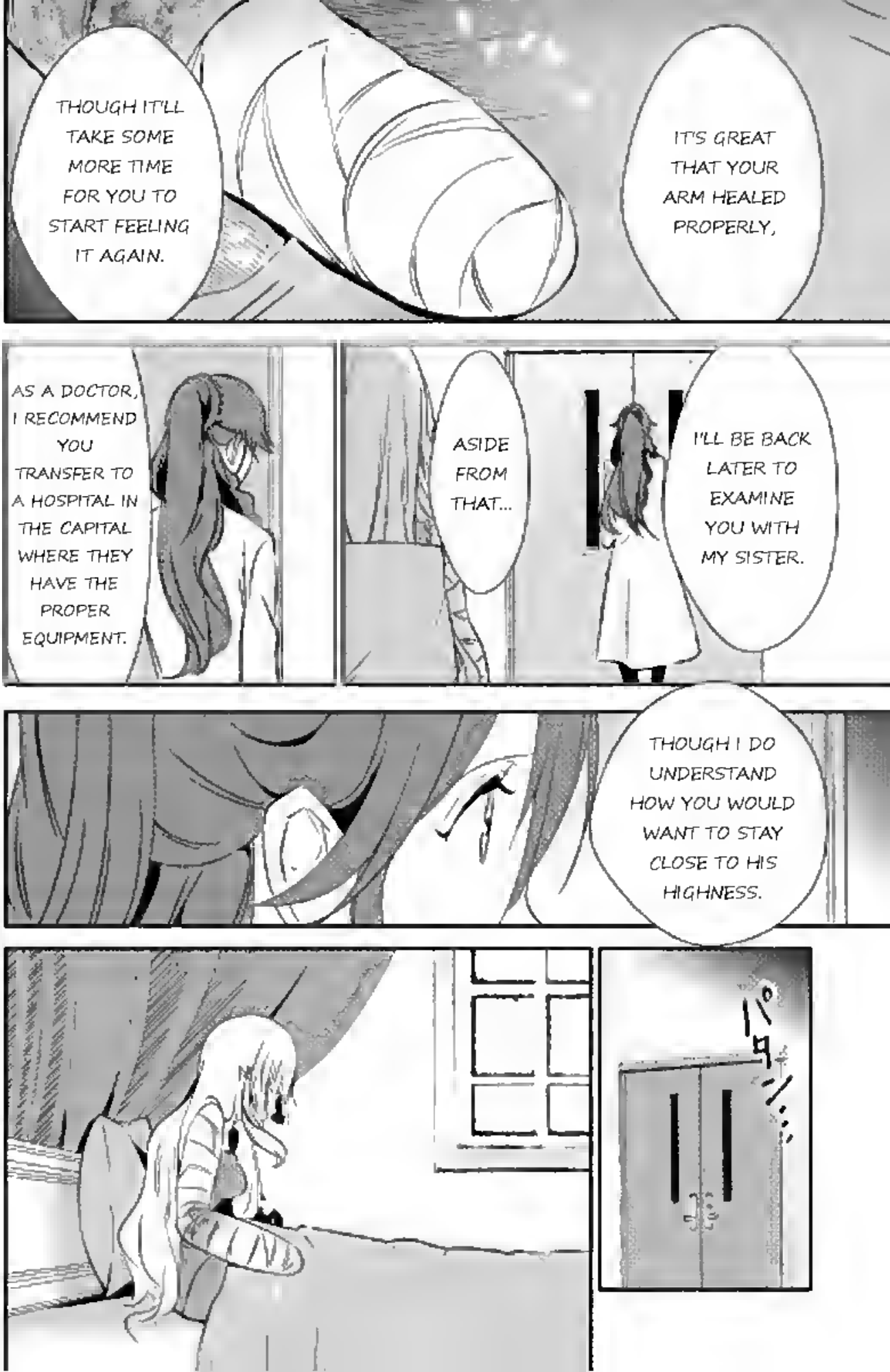
I SEE...
I SUPPOSE IT MAKES SENSE GIVEN HER CURRENT STATE...


IT'S GREAT THAT YOUR ARM HEALED PROPERLY,
THOUGH IT'LL TAKE SOME MORE TIME FOR YOU TO START FEELING IT AGAIN.
AS A DOCTOR, I RECOMMEND YOU TRANSFER TO A HOSPITAL IN THE CAPITAL WHERE THEY HAVE THE PROPER EQUIPMENT.
ASIDE FROM THAT...
I'LL BE BACK LATER TO EXAMINE YOU WITH MY SISTER.
THOUGH I DO UNDERSTAND HOW YOU WOULD WANT TO STAY CLOSE TO HIS HIGHNESS.

AS ONE OF HIS GUARDS AND AS HIS DRAGON...
I DON'T WANT TO BE SEPARATED FROM LECT!
I DECIDED THAT I WILL STAY IN WILMAGS,

BUT
I DO...
IT'S NOT THAT I DON'T WANT TO SEE HIM,

JUST HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO FACE HIM?
I COULDN'T DO ANYTHING TO HELP HIM...

LE-
LECT!
I'LL INCREASE THE POWER.
IT HURTS... NO, THAT'S NOT IT...
... URGH...
GAH...
I CAN'T... SPEAK...

THIS IS...
AH...
AH...
HUH?

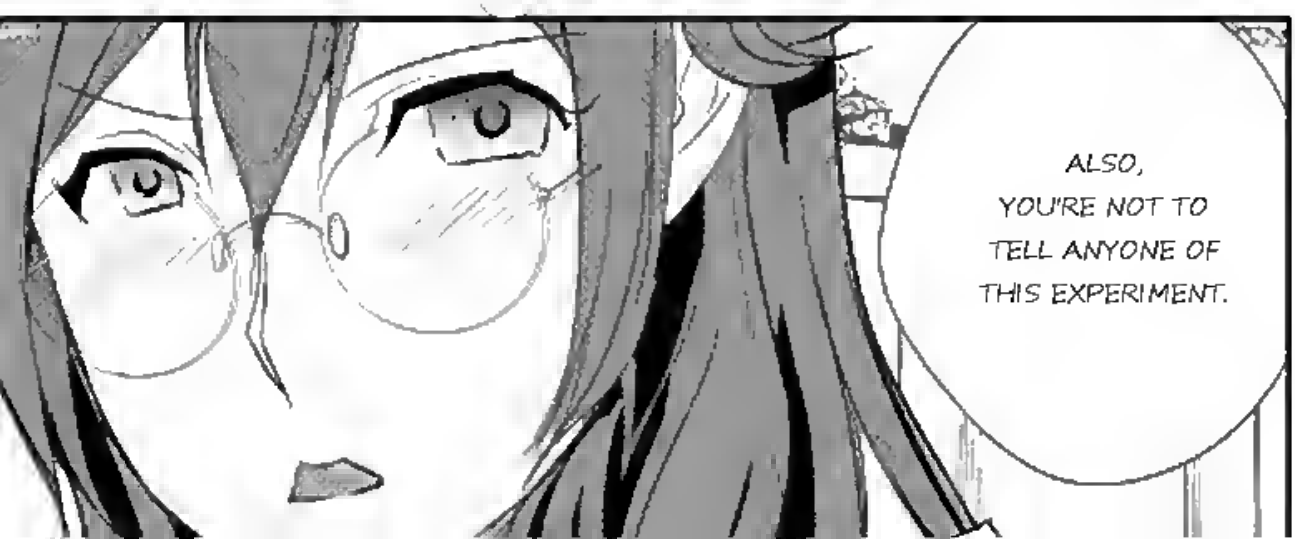
COME IN.
KNOCK KNOCK
FERIEL?
EXCUSE ME. YOUR HIGHNESS, YOUR BUDGET PROPOSAL
HAS BEEN APPROVED.
WE SHOULD RECEIVE IT SOON.

I SEE.
I HAVEN'T MET THE PRESIDENT YET,
BUT PASS ON MY THANKS TO HIM.
YES, SIR!
I WILL LEAVE NOW.
FERIEL, THE HOSPITAL BUDGET
HAS BEEN-

OW!
IS SOMETHING WRONG, FERIEL?
OF COURSE!
BUT THE SOONER THE BUDGET PASSES,
THE BETTER IT IS FOR THE HOSP-
THAT'S NOT IT!
YOU'RE FORBID-DEN FROM TREATING ANY PATIENTS!
THE TREAT-MENT...

IF YOUR POWER RESONATES WITH THE PATIENT'S, IT'LL EXCEED-
ANYWAYS, YOU'RE NOT ALLOWED TO DO THAT AGAIN! YOU'LL NEED SPECIAL PERMISSION FROM ME TO DO IT!
NATURALLY, YOU CAN'T DO IT TO MERIELA!

I SEE...


ALSO, YOU'RE NOT TO TELL ANYONE OF THIS EXPERIMENT.

WHY NOT?
THE LAST THING WE NEED IS FOR SOMEONE TO THINK THAT A DOCTOR APPROVED OF YOUR METHOD!
I'M LEAVING NOW! I'M COUNTING ON YOU TO ESTABLISH THAT HOSPITAL!
OKAY.
IF HE HAD GONE ANY FURTHER,
AT THIS TIME, LECTIVAL HAD NO IDEA THAT HIS TREATMENT
I WONDER WHAT THE PROBLEM WAS...
ショボーン
HAD CAUSED SEXUAL FEELINGS TO AWAKEN AND DEVELOP INSIDE FERIEL.
THE STIMULATION WOULD'VE BEEN TOO MUCH!